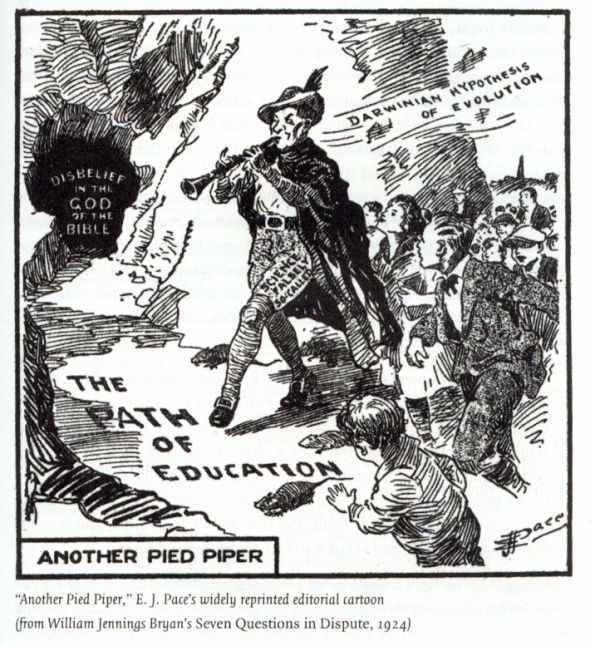
The Scopes Trial, also known as *The State of Tennessee vs. Scopes*, was a controversial trial which was fought over evolution. In 1925, high school Science teacher John Scopes was accused of teaching evolution to high school students. At the time, Tennessee had, with the Butler Act, banned the teaching of evolution in school, as it went against fundamentalist Christianity. However, the state required teachers to use a textbook that had a chapter on evolution. On April 17th, 1925, Scopes allegedly taught this chapter to his students. He stood trial and was convicted on May 25th, 1925. During trial, His Lawyers argued against many pastors about whether or not evolution contradicted the Bible, and whether or not evolution existed at all. Scopes lost the trial and was found guilty, but he was released on a technicality and the case was never brought to trial again. In 1955, a play called *Inherit the Wind* that was based loosely on the trial was released.



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